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SUBJECT: ICHPER APPLICATION FOR UNESCO NGO STATUS

1. USDEL HAS LEARNED FROM SECRETARIAT'S AMERDING (CPX)
THAT M'BOW WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND EXBD CONSIDER ICHPER
APPLICATION FOR NGO STATUS, CATEGORY B. THIS ITEM, 6.2,
IS INSCRIBED ON AGENDA FOR APRIL 29.

2. OUTCOME OF ICHPER APPLICATION WILL DEPEND, OF
COURSE, ON SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF QUESTION OF MEMBER-
SHIP IN ICHPER OF INDIVIDUALS HOLDING SOUTH AFRICAN,
RHODESIAN AND TAIWANESE CITIZENSHIP. ACCORDING TO
SECRETARIAT, ICHPER IN FEB 15, 1977 LETTER TO SECRE-
TARIAT DISAVOWED ANY RECOGNITION OF SOUTH AFRICAN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS. QUESTION OF "INDI-
VIDUAL" MEMBERSHIP REMAINS, HOWEVER. ALSO, WE CAN EX-
PECT THAT PRC WILL DENOUNCE TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION IN
ICHPER DURING DEBATE, AND THEREFORE MAKE PROBLEM MORE
DIFFICULT THAN IF ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN MEM-
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BERSHIP WERE INVOLVED. EXBD, OF COURSE, WILL MAKE
FINAL DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO ICHPER'S APPLICA-
TION.

3. WE ALSO AWARE THAT ICHPER IS ALSO INTERESTED IN
INVITATION TO JULY 4-13 INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS. SINCE EXBD'S DECISION

NGO STATUS WILL DETERMINE ICHPER'S CHANCES FOR PARTICIPATION ON ITS OWN, OR REPRESENTING WCOTP, ICHPER WILL NEED TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION ON INDIVIDUALS' MEMBERSHIP ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ICHPER CLAIMS IT NO LONGER CARRIES INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FROM THESE COUNTRIES, AND THUS COULD HELP ITS CASE IF THIS WERE MADE CLEAR TO SECRETARIAT AND EXBD MEMBERS.

4. WE WOULD SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT ICHPER EXECUTE LEGAL CERTIFICATION THAT INDIVIDUALS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA NO LONGER REMAIN IN ITS MEMBERSHIP, AND TRANSMIT THIS EVIDENCE TO US PERMDEL, UNESCO SECRETARIAT, AND US EXBD MEMBER ROBERT KAMM.
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